

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
April 20, 2017

Commission Members in Attendance

George P. Waters, District 1
Ira E. Coward, Vice-Chairman, District 2
Skeets Cooper, District 3
Doug Barnes, District 5
Carroll W. Joye, District 6

Aeronautics Staff in Attendance

James Stephens, Executive Director
Paul Werts, Program Manager
Ericka Thomas, Commission Secretary
Eric Denham, Chief Pilot
Tim Truemper, Pilot

Visitors

Lynn Ballentine, Senate Oversight Committee
Bill Garvey, Aviation Week
Ken Holt, Holt Consulting
Nicole Jennings, Executive Budget Office
Bruce Landsburg, AOPA
Carlos Salinas, Pickens County Airport Manager

Commission Member(s) Absent

Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman at Large
District 4 - Vacant
District 7 - Vacant

Welcome & Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Coward called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone, and *Commissioner Barnes* gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chairman Coward presented the minutes of the February 8, 2017, Commission meeting and asked if anyone had edits or corrections. *Commissioner Barnes* requested changes to the Visitors listed. Upon making the requested changes, the minutes will be approved as written.

Financial, Budget, & Executive Director's Reports

Mr. Stephens presented the financials as of March 31, 2017, for the FY 2016-2017, showing an ending cash balance of \$969,882. The State Aviation Fund has received an additional \$213,732.83 bringing the annual State Aviation Fund revenue to \$1,259,642.59 and total available fund for airport projects of \$6,983,671.85. As of March 31, 2017, there has been no additional funds related to the Airline Property Tax added to the total available funds for airport projects. The total commitments and expenditures from the State Aviation Fund were \$6,318,959.63 leaving \$664,712.32 available for grants and projects.

Mr. Stephens gave the Director's Report and Legislative Updates. During the past several months, Mr. Stephens has met with the Senate Oversight Committee to provide them with information regarding the Commission, and what the Commission provides to the state's airports as well as to aviation in general. In addition, Mr. Stephens along with Matthew Baker and David Smith attended the FAA UAS symposium in which Mr. Baker gave a presentation on the SCAC UAS program. Along with the many aviation education, conferences and budget meetings that Mr. Stephens attended since February, he discussed the upcoming events, and meetings that SCAC will be participating in.

- o April 25, 2017: FAA Annual Discretionary Meeting - Atlanta Airport District Office, Atlanta, GA
- o April 27, 2017: Office of Career and Technology spring meeting - Columbia, SC
- o May 8 - 9, 2017: NDMS Exercise - SCAC, Columbia, SC
- o May 24, 2017: Aircraft Maintenance Technician Day - SCAC, Columbia, SC
- o June 10-11, 2017: Greenwood Aviation Expo - Greenwood, SC

Mr. Stephens presented the Commission with a request to change the grant timing of the South Carolina Aviation Association (SCAA). Currently, the SCAA's grants are based on a state fiscal year. The SCAA has requested that their grants be based on a calendar year for accounting purposes. As it currently stands, the new 2017 SCAA grant would be for \$39,900 and would end December 31, 2017. *Vice-Chairman Coward* made the Motion for the change and approved the funding as Mr. Stephens presented. *Commissioner Cooper* seconded, and all approved.

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Airport Development

Mr. Paul Werts presented the Commission with updates on the ongoing projects that are currently being financially supported by the SCAC. The SCAC Apron plans have been completed and put to the public for bids. At the time of bidding there were no bids, however, there are other avenues that are being explored with the Columbia Metropolitan Airport for the completion of the project. In addition, Mr. Werts will continue to work with tenant agreement solution with the airport sponsors.

District Reports

Commissioner Waters – Reported on the new apron at the Mt. Pleasant airport as well as the progress on the trees that will be taken out over the spring. Commissioner Waters has continued to meet with the Charleston County Aviation Authority to maintain representation of the needs of Charleston's general aviation facilities.

Commissioner Coward – Reported that the Aiken Municipal Airport has officially changed names to the Aiken Regional Airport. Commissioner Coward also reminded everyone of the 2017 Region 5, Soaring Society of America event being held at the Perry International Airport in Perry, SC.

Commissioner Cooper – No report.

Commissioner Barnes – No report.

Commissioner Joye – No report.

New/Other Business

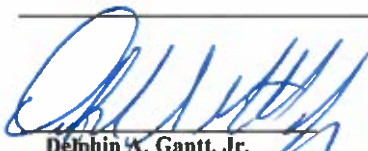
Vice-Chairman Coward announced the next Commission meeting will be held on June 22, 2017 at the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission.

Vice-Chairman Coward presented Dr. John Hunt, former Commissioner District 3, with the King Air model for his representation on the Aeronautics Commission for the past four years. Former Commissioner, District 5, William VanAntwerp was not in attendance, however, he was also recognized for his representation on the Commission and will also be presented with the King Air model.

Vice-Chairman Coward introduced new Commissioner's Mr. Doug Barnes of District 5 and Mr. Skeets Cooper of District 3. Both of these new Commissioner's come to the Commission with extensive aviation and business experiences.

Adjournment

There being no further business; **Vice-Chairman Coward** moved the meeting be adjourned, **Commissioner Waters** seconded, and all approved.


Delphin A. Gantt, Jr.
Commission Chairman


Ira E. Coward
Commission Vice-Chairman


Ericka D. Thomas
Commission Recording Secretary

April 20, 2017 Date

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